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A TOAST TO ABINGDON!

Politicians are treated to ale from town brewery

POLITICIANS in Westminster have been enjoying the beer of an Abingdon brewery this week.

Loose Cannon, based in Suffolk Way, have had their brew Abingdon Bridge on offer in the Strangers' Bar at the House of Commons from Monday, where it will be available for the remainder of the week.

The bar features numerous guest ales from across the country during the year for a week at a time, as part of a tradition to promote up and coming British ales.

Abingdon Bridge was nominated by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood, and

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she tasted a sample of the brew at the bar yesterday morning.

Will Laithwaite, founder of Loose Cannon, along with Jeff Brewerton from the brewery, were presented with a certificate sponsored by the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group to commemorate the occasion yesterday.

"Nicola admitted she's not a beer drinker but had a sip, and said she liked it very much," said Will.

"It was arranged quite a while ago, but there's obviously quite a waiting list but this week is our week, coincidentally the same time as the budget!

"The reaction to Abingdon

Bridge has been very positive. I asked behind the bar how it's been going and they said it's been very popular.

"We're very proud. It's not something you get to do every day."

Ms Blackwood said: "It is a real treat to have Abingdon Bridge as one of the guest ales in Parliament."

"It's a great way to promote independent brewers from around the UK, and Loose Cannon is a perfect example of a hardworking, successful local brewer who deserves the opportunity to have their product showcased in Parliament."

"And as an added bonus, in the budget the Chancellor George Osborne announced beer duty will be cut by a penny next week."



• Nicola Blackwood MP with Will Laithwaite at the Strangers' Bar in Westminster yesterday morning

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Oxon 'nuisance' is behind bars

AN OXFORD man has been jailed for 38 months after admitting to making nuisance calls to charities and businesses.

Martin Crowe, 51, of Dashwood Road, was charged with causing a public nuisance on January 1.

Just hours before his arrest, Crowe called a domestic violence charity saying he had kidnapped a woman in Warwick.

This sparked an investigation and resulted in Crowe's arrest.

He pleaded guilty to the charge while historic reports of similar phone calls have been linked to his phone.

In sentencing, Judge Ian Pringle said Crowe had "entrenched deviant sexual interests."

He continued: "You proceeded to make thousands of phone calls to various people, beauticians and charities."

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"Your actions had an effect on hundreds of people, causing extreme distress."

An investigation began after Crowe's kidnap phone call at the end of last year.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Mike West added: "From there, it was discovered that Crowe had been making phone calls like this across the UK, causing distress to hundreds of people."

"He now has time in prison to reflect on his actions and the effect they had."

Crowe was also ordered to pay £120 victim surcharge and amendments were made to an existing ASBO.

• Martin Crowe



'Significant' plans set for independent review

AN INDEPENDENT design review panel has been set up to look into significant planning applications in Oxford.

The Oxford Design Review Panel (ODRP) will consider housing, infrastructure, civic buildings and the public realm.

Panelists will ensure there is a high standard of design for

significant built environment projects while promoting consistency as the city develops.

Cabe, the government's advisor on design in the built environment, at the Design Council, has been commissioned to establish the panel.

Architect Keith Bradley will chair the ODRP, with panelists

consisting of Cabe experts and local practitioners nominated by Oxford City Council.

Michael Crofton-Briggs, head of City Development at the council, said: "We want to ensure that we have the best quality of design for our future buildings that works within the demands of the historic city, but also can

move with the times.

"Our aim is for the panel to understand how the city works and that the level of architectural and urban design excellence that Oxford deserves."

The ODRP will meet on average once a month, and provide 'support days' to consider various projects.

Bodies found in river

TWO bodies discovered by police in the past week are believed to be those of missing women Sirzana Saeed and Jacqueline Gulliford.

The first body, understood to be Ms Saeed, was found in the River Thames near to Oxpens Road last Thursday after she was reported missing earlier that day.

A second body, thought to be Ms Gulliford, was found in a river in Cassington on Saturday afternoon.

Both are yet to be formally identified.

News Bites

Hunger strike raises poverty awareness

SENIOR staff of the Oxford Diocese took part in the End Hunger Fast campaign yesterday, by going hungry for 24 hours to raise awareness for unnecessary food poverty in the UK.

The campaign is calling on thousands of Christians to fast, following statistics that say around half a million people in the UK are dependent on food aid.

Rt Revd John Pritchard, the Bishop of Oxford, said: "Being hungry is one of the most miserable experiences. One day's fast doesn't seem much to remind myself of that."

Two arrested after robbery

TWO men have been arrested following an armed robbery of a Headington bookmakers last week.

The offenders, both believed to be Asian men, entered Stan James bookmakers in Roundway at around 11.30am, and ran away with a quantity of cash.

A member of staff was threatened with a firearm and told to hand over money during the robbery, and both men are currently in custody.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Mike West said: "I am appealing to anyone with any information about this incident to contact police."

"If you were in the area at the time of the incident or noticed anyone acting suspiciously, please speak to an officer."

The incident is not believed to be linked to other recent robberies in the Oxford area.

Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Trial of 'personalised' cancer treatment

RESEARCHERS at Oxford University are preparing for the first human trial of a pioneering personalised cancer treatment, which could help tackle a wide range of late-stage cancers.

The trial will investigate the new CXD101 drug, developed by the university, and will also see the use of a new test to predict which patients could be successfully treated.

One major challenge is that all cancer patients respond differently to treatment, which makes it difficult for doctors to know how to best treat each case.

"When patients' cancers do not respond to a treatment, this can cost tens of thousands of pounds and cause patients to suffer side effects for nothing," said Professor Nick La Thangue of the university's Department of Oncology.

"Personalised medicine promises to prevent this by predicting how well a patient will respond to a drug before administering it and this is exactly what this trial will do."

"This is really the shape of things to come, and avoids the problem of testing drugs on patients who have little chance of benefiting from the treatment."

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Thumbs-up for team stepping out for blind

A TEAM of walkers from Abingdon completed their first training session yesterday as they prepare for a 100km trek in aid of national charity Blind Veterans UK.

The Welfare Wanderers will be walking from London to Brighton on June 21, and aim to complete the gruelling journey in 21 hours.

Those taking part include a mix of people from the Army, civilian members and a dog, who all took part in the first joint training walk around Abingdon yesterday.

Staff sergeant Marie Gorstridge, who will lead the team, said: "I'm coming to the end of my time in the Army and wanted to complete a meaningful challenge."

"I heard about the work of Blind Veterans UK and it struck a chord. Not being able to see

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the everyday things we take for granted, like a sunset or a baby's smile, must be incredibly hard."

Fellow walker Gillian Anderson added: "My real motivation to complete this walk came the other week when I stood at the Giant's Causeway watching the spectacular aurora."

"That's when I appreciated how fortunate we are to have our sight."

They will be joined by Lance Corporal Chloe Dixon, Private Ste Reeves, Private Ryan Fennell and Marie's dog Jeannie, and are planning to complete the walk as a team.

The 100km walk is Blind Veterans UK's biggest annual fundraiser, and takes walkers

from the starting point in Putney, South London, through Surrey and Sussex to the charity's centre in Ovingdean, Brighton.

The charity helps blind ex-

servicemen and women to lead independent lives by supporting them to overcome the challenges of daily life.

To sponsor the team, go to

www.justgiving.com/gillian-anderson29, and more information about the walk and Blind Veterans UK, visit www.blind-veterans.org.uk.



• (From left) Private Ryan Fennell, Gillian Anderson, Staff Sergeant Marie Gorstridge, Lance Corporal Chloe Dixon, Private Ste Reeves and Jeannie the dog

Science and technology festival gets underway today

ABINGDON'S first science and technology festival starts today, featuring a range of talks and interactive demonstrations at venues across the town.

ATOM is part of the Oxfordshire Science Festival, and aims to bring together the numerous organisations in the field around Abingdon and the surrounding area.

The festival starts this evening with 'Converscience; an evening of wit and science' at St Helen and

St Katharine School, featuring stand-up comedian Robin Ince, astrophysicist Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell and ATOM chairman Professor Frank Close.

A schools science fair and careers fair are scheduled for tomorrow at the Guildhall, as well as a quantum biology talk by theoretical physicist Jim Al-Khalili at Abingdon School's Amey Theatre.

And Saturday sees the main ATOM science fair in the Market Square, with more than 20 stalls

expected from local organisations who will be demonstrating the science in their work.

The festival finishes on Saturday with 'Visualise: a magical science show for all' and 'Life, The Universe and Stuff!', both of which are taking place at the Guildhall during the day.

For further details and information about the festival, including start times and entry prices, go online and visit www.oxscifest.com.

News Bites

Combat theft

BICYCLE thefts in Abingdon rose by over 50 per cent in 2013 compared to the previous year, according to figures released by police this week.

From January 1 to March 17 this year, 31 bikes were reported as stolen in Abingdon, compared to 15 from the same time frame last year.

Police in the town will launch Operation Mischief in the summer to tackle the issue.

Hydro delay

CONSTRUCTION on the Abingdon Hydro project has been put back a year, after the flooding in January and February meant that the site could not be accessed.

Work on the Hydro project has to be completed during the summer because of varying water levels in the winter, and there is now not enough time for the share offer to be carried out before the start of building work.

The share offer is now expected to take place in the autumn.

Pet appeal

AN ABINGDON pet store has teamed up with animal charity Support Adoption For Pets to offer financial support to local animal organisations and rescue centres. Pets at Home, together with the charity, are appealing for animal groups to come forward and promote themselves ahead of their first fundraising drive of 2014.

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'No evidence' home care improves lives of OAPs

OXFORD researchers say there is "no consistent evidence" of home care visits helping the elderly to live longer or independently.

This has seen the authors of the PLOS ONE journal refuse to support government policies to make home care visits widely available.

Researchers from Oxford University and University College London analysed 64 randomised controlled trials, mainly in the UK, United States and Canada. Experts say the effectiveness of some home care programmes cannot be ruled out but there is no significant evidence of benefits.

Trials spanning the last 20 years, which involved almost 29,000 people aged over 65 who were living independently, were investigated by the researchers. Across all the trials, the effect of home care visits on mortality rates, falls, the risks of injury and illness, rates of hospitalisation or institutionalisation, and

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the overall quality of life was analysed.

Lead author Dr Evan Mayo-Wilson said: "The evidence amassed gives us an incomplete picture. As such, this review cannot support the policy of home care visits for the elderly."

"Any further research setting out to investigate the value of home visits would need to be conducted on a very large scale."

Sean Grant, from Oxford University's Centre for Evidence-Based Intervention, added: "We are not saying that those people currently getting home care visits should have this service withdrawn."

"In the light of this review, however, policy makers, professionals and families should carefully consider the alternatives when making decisions about effective means of support for the elderly in the community."

Extension in Oxon self-help reading scheme

A LIBRARY scheme encouraging people to read self-help books is set to be extended further across the county, according to Oxfordshire County Council.

The Reading Well: Books On

Prescription (BOP) scheme allows people to choose from a selection of books to learn more about their own illnesses to help them to find out more about their situation.

At the moment BOP is run-

ning at the Oxford Central, Abingdon, Witney, Banbury, Didcot and Thame libraries, but will be extended to Bicester, Cowley, Wantage, Henley, Kidlington and Carterton.

Jane Mason, reader services manager for adults at Oxfordshire Libraries, said: "This is a great initiative. It sees the library service working with health practitioners to encourage people to use self-help books alongside advice from GPs to improve their wellbeing and improve their situations."

"The scheme has proved popular and we are pleased to be rolling this out across other libraries in Oxfordshire."

Dr Angela Lee from the Leys Health Centre, which promotes the scheme, added: "I find it's useful to be able to direct patients to reliable information and self-help resources."



News Bites

Body found in Kidlington

THE body of a man in his fifties has been found in a property in Kidlington, although the circumstances of his death are not believed to be suspicious at this time.

Police were called to a house in Buckland Court at 11.41am on Saturday to a report of a fear for welfare when they made the discovery.

More fraud cases in city

THAMES Valley Police has revealed there has been nine incidents of courier fraud in Oxford since March 5.

Scammers are targeting the elderly and vulnerable, explaining to them that their card needs to be replaced and they should call the bank.

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Death arrest

A 49-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after a fatal collision where a two-year-old girl was killed in Upper Arncliffe on Saturday.

At around 4.55pm, the girl was hit by a reversing car on the Oakview Caravan Park, and died shortly after being taken to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

Investigating officer Stuart Whitworth said: "This is a tragic incident in which a two-year-old girl has lost her life. I ask anyone with any information on the collision to give us a call immediately via 101."

The man has been bailed until March 31.

Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for the public's help in finding a 54-year-old man from Witney who has been missing since March 12.

Malcolm Jones was last seen at his home, and is described as white, of slim build, about 5ft 9ins, clean shaven and with dark brown hair. He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a grey polo shirt, a blue rain coat, brown walking boots and carrying a large hiking rucksack.

Call 101, quoting URN 1405 of March 12.

Plans submitted for regeneration

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PLANS for a £6.6million community building in Bicester have been submitted as part of the town centre regeneration project's final phase.

Cherwell District councillors will discuss the erection of a five-storey building in May, and if approved building work could begin in July.

The building is proposed to feature a new library, hotel and retail space, and will also incorporate energy saving measures in keeping with the Bicester One Shared Vision project.

It would be built on the existing Franklins Yard car park, and will face towards Bure Place and Wesley Square.

Cllr Norman Bolster, lead member for estates and economy, said: "This application represents the final stage of the project to regenerate Bicester town centre."

"This building will both complete and complement the Pioneer Square development."

"We first showcased this proposal at an exhibition in January and invited feedback from the public."

"Based on the comments received at the time, we are satisfied this proposal has been

finalised to a standard which will satisfy both the requirements of the building's future occupants, and also the residents and customers who will utilise its facilities."

The ground floor space has

been allocated for a Cherwell District Council Link Point, restaurant and retail space.

Oxfordshire County Council will house its new library on the first floor, as well as incorporating the Bicester Local History Society. Office space will be provided on the first and second floors, while the third and fourth floors will be occupied by

a 53-bed Travelodge hotel.

The provision of a community building is part of the Eco Bicester programme to meet the need for cultural facilities in the town centre to serve existing residents and the area's expanding population.

If approved, it is hoped that the building would be completed by summer of next year.



• Artist's impression of the proposed community building

Thame: More jobs around the corner

THAME could be set for a major jobs boost, if a planning application for two new occupiers at Cotmorewells Farm, Howland Road, is approved by South Oxfordshire District Council.

Developer Stoford is working on behalf of haberdashery distributor Groves and print and publication house The Windles Group, who are looking to move into the site.

The two firms currently employ a total of 170 people, and it is believed that a further 70 new jobs will be created over the next five years should the development occur.

Andrew Groves, managing director at Groves, said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to remain in the Thame area and avoid the disruption of a move to larger facilities out of the locality."

Bruce Podmore, managing director at The Windles Group, said: "The proposed development will enable us to stay in the local area, ensuring that employment opportunities are secured for local people."

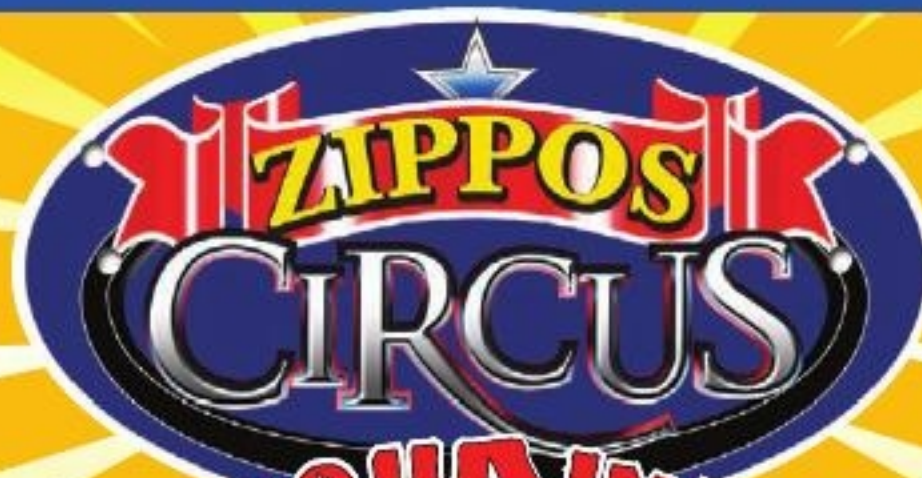
"The purpose built facility will also provide us with industry leading facilities to support future growth."

A public exhibition of the proposed development will be held at Thame Town Hall on March 28, running from 10am until 6.30pm, for people to view the plans.

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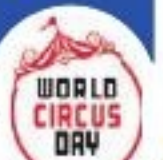
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Taking place last Saturday, the day gave children the opportunity to meet potential adopters in a safe and fun environment, as well as meeting other children in a similar position to themselves.

The idea for an activity day came from America, where

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statistics show that the events are an effective way of matching children with families.

Many children attended the event with their foster parents and social workers, to give them support through the adoption process.

A number of adoption agencies, as well as the council's

adoption team, were present at the activity day to help bring children and potential parents together.

Saturday was the first time that the county council had teamed up with other agencies to take part in this type of project, which they believe has been successful. Teresa Rogers, of the council's adoption and fostering team, said: "This has been a great opportunity for potential adopters to make a connection with

children looking for families.

"The event is designed to bring adopters and children together in play. We believe there is nothing better than meeting them and finding out if there is chemistry. These events have already taken place in other parts of the country, and so far the results are promising, with more children being adopted following an event."

For information a go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Even more children's cancer resources at Horton General

CHILDREN suffering with cancer in North Oxfordshire will be able to access some treatment from Banbury's Horton General Hospital from May, instead of having to travel into Oxford.

Young haematology and oncology patients will have the option to attend the Horton for services including blood and platelet transfusions, courses of antibiotics, dressing changes and blood samples.

Previously this would have meant having to travel to the Oxford Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe for these services.

"We are delighted to make this announcement," said Tony McDonald, general manager

for Children's and Women's Division.

"A key part of our Children's strategy is bringing services closer to children, young people and their families and the communities in which they live. Our thriving Children's services at Horton is one of the cornerstones of this strategy as we continuously develop and improve the services we provide in partnership with patients, their families and our staff."

Dr Tania Davison, paediatric speciality doctor, added: "This can be a very difficult time for families. If reducing the amount of travelling for treatment makes it easier for them, we are very happy to help."



• Parents and children at the activity day

MP's Corner

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'Building up confidence'

IT WAS great recently to visit the Broken Spoke Bike Co-op which is a DIY bicycle workshop which teaches people of all ages and backgrounds how to ride and repair bicycles.

The Co-op's cycling training, supported by Oxford City Council, is invaluable in helping build up the confidence and skills of people who might be cycling on our busy streets for the first time. A lot of people who would like to cycle, or get back to cycling, are deterred by the prospect of negotiating traffic on some of our busier roads. The training offers them a way to build their confidence which is good for their health, helps to tackle congestion and pollution in the city, as well as benefitting the environment by putting abandoned bikes to good use and promoting cycling.

The Co-op particularly works with people who are out of work, homeless or vulnerably housed to help them learn new skills and improve their chances in life. It was particularly good to see action for safe cycling linked with giving skills, training and work experience to people

whose lives have been blighted by homelessness, since these are often the people who feel their skills aren't up to scratch and lose their confidence, and who too frequently fall through the state safety net.

We need more initiatives like this on a wider scale to help the young and long term unemployed onto the employment ladder. We simply cannot afford to be wasting the talents of thousands of young people and leaving them stuck in the dole queue for years on end. The Labour Party is proposing a compulsory jobs guarantee scheme which will guarantee a real, paid job to every 18 to 24 year old who has been claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for more than a year and for every adult aged 25 and over who has been claiming for more than two years.

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Grants for those who remember

GRANTS that will support the development of arts and heritage opportunities in West Oxfordshire will be expanded for this year to help communities commemorate the First World War.

West Oxfordshire District Council is encouraging community groups to apply for grants of up to £500, to mark 100 years since the start of the Great War.

The funding can be used to help with commemorative projects, with project suggestions including tree planting, floral displays, plaques or benches.

Cllr Richard Langridge, cabinet member for communities, said: "We are making a special exception this year to offer financial support to local communities who want to mark this significant milestone in world history."



• (From left) Mark Garwood, Cllr Richard Langridge and Les Tacon, chairman of the Witney RBL branch

"The council is proud to support local communities in this way, and we look forward to receiving ideas and seeing the projects come to fruition."

A number of events and projects are planned locally and nationally to mark the centenary, including the Witney Branch of the Royal British Legion's upcoming coffee mornings.

Money raised at the mornings will be donated to the Poppy Appeal 2014, with the first taking place on Saturday at the High Street Methodist Church in Witney from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

The deadline for applications is April 23.

Facility donations

WEST Oxfordshire communities are being given the chance to apply for grants of up to £50,000, to be used in improving facilities that benefit residents and visitors.

They are being offered by the district council to enhance or create new facilities, such as village halls, play areas and sports clubs.

It is part of the council's Community Facilities Grants for 2014/15, and applications are open until April 22 for the first round of funding.

Cllr Richard Langridge, cabinet member for communities, said: "We know that facilities like halls and play areas are at the heart of many communities, and we are very proud to offer these grants to help with improvements."

"As well as offering a substantial level of funding, support given by our council unlocks further opportunities for groups and organisations to secure additional financial backing."

Witney Town Bowls Club is one of the groups who has previously benefited from funding, when they received £37,349 towards building a new pavilion.

Club committee member Alan Scholan said: "We're very grateful to the district council and its support gave us leverage to secure funds from other organisations."

News Bites

Man charged

A 19-YEAR-OLD man from Wallingford has been charged with assault and witness intimidation following an incident in the town on February 22.

The man, from St Nicholas Road, was involved in a confrontation at a bus stop, and was arrested the same day.

He has been remanded in custody, and will appear at Oxford Crown Court at a yet undecided date.

New gym open

WALLINGFORD Rowing Club's brand new gym was officially opened by Olympic rower Katherine Grainger CBE last Friday, following an £80,000 grant from South Oxfordshire District Council.

The funding was given as part of the council's Communities Capital Grant scheme, which offers funding to capital projects.

The club's project co-ordinator Tony Wheel said: "With the Thames having been in flood for nearly three months, having a first class training facility means the club has been a huge boon."

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Region's cops seize £5m in illegal drugs

FIVE people, including a man from Oxford, have been charged by police after an estimated £5million worth of drugs were seized in the Thames Valley.

The man, along with another from Woodstock, two from Northamptonshire, and a Dutch national, were arrested and charged last week.

A total of 24kg of class A drugs, made up of 16kg of cocaine and 8kg of heroin, were seized, and are believed to have a street value exceeding £5million.

Over £50,000 in cash, a hydraulic press and various other drug paraphernalia were also seized.

Police confiscated the items on March 10 from a vehicle on the M40 near High Wycombe, a lorry in Dover, Kent and during warrants in Walton Street, Oxford and Randolph Avenue, Woodstock.

The men were charged on March 12 with conspiracy to import and supply heroin and cocaine, and have been remanded in custody to appear at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow.

A 33-year-old man from Oxford was also arrested on suspicion to supply class A drugs, and has been bailed to appear at Abingdon police station on April 21.

Westgate plans move another step forward

OUTLINE planning permission has been given to a major redevelopment of Oxford's Westgate Centre, which will see John Lewis open its first store in the city.

The joint venture between The Crown Estate and Land Securities, known as the Westgate Oxford Alliance, will see £500million being spent on the shopping centre, scheduled to be finished in 2017.

Oxford City Council approved outline planning permission last Tuesday, following four years of preparation and consultation by the alliance.

There will be space for around 100 shops in the new centre, as well as space for cafés, restaurants and leisure, including a cinema. A two-storey basement car park with between 900 and 1,100 spaces will be created, as well as up to 122 new homes.

Sara Fuge, development manager for the Westgate Oxford Alliance, said: "We are delighted that Oxford City Council has resolved to grant consent for this exciting development."

"Our investment will deliver an improved Westgate, which will enhance the attraction of Oxford for residents and visitors."

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"We look forward to continue working with the city and county councils and the local community as we progress with stage two in developing our detailed designs."

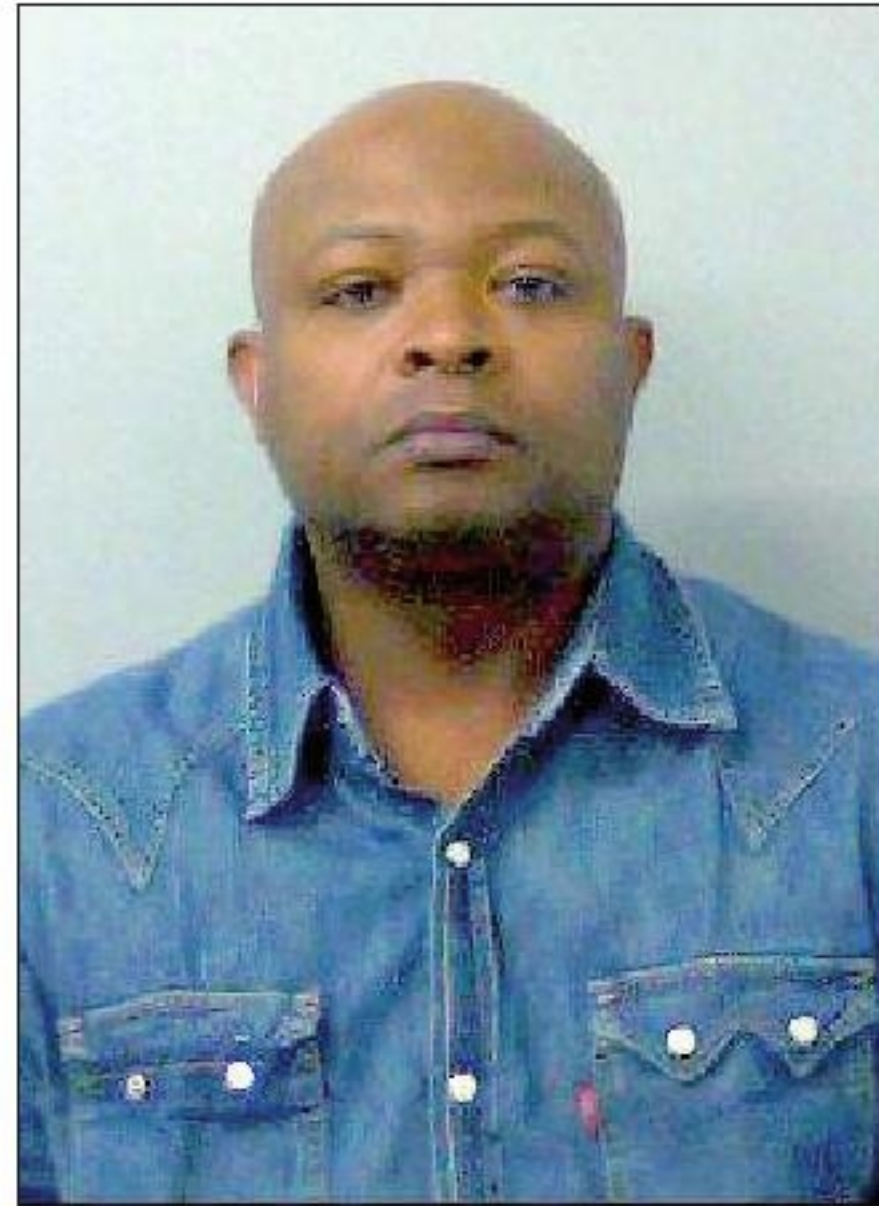
Cllr Bob Price, leader of the city council, said: "The redevelopment of the Westgate Centre is long overdue and our retail offer has failed to keep pace with the expansion of the local economy. We are very pleased with the high quality of design, and the attention to the environmental impact of the development."

"We look forward now to receiving the detailed designs for the four blocks and an early start of the construction work that will give a huge boost to local jobs."

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of the county council, added: "It is fantastic to see this crucial and exciting development for Oxfordshire take a major step towards becoming a reality."

The alliance is now expected to consult further on designs for the new centre, before a full planning application is submitted later this year.

Class A offender is jailed after guilty plea



AN OXFORD man has been jailed for supplying class A drugs in the city.

Nickyan Bromfield, 49, of Hollow Way, was sentenced to three years at Oxford Crown Court last week.

Bromfield pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to supply heroin and another with regard to crack cocaine.

On January 30, he was stopped by officers in The Slade.

His vehicle was searched and drugs were found hidden in the fuse box.

Bromfield also pleaded guilty to one count of driving otherwise in accordance of his licence.

He also submitted guilty pleas for one count of driving without insurance and one count of possession of an offensive weapon, a tyre wrench.

PC Ben Jones, investigating officer, said: "This sentence sends out a strong message that action will be taken against anyone found to be supplying drugs, such as the class A drugs discovered in this case."

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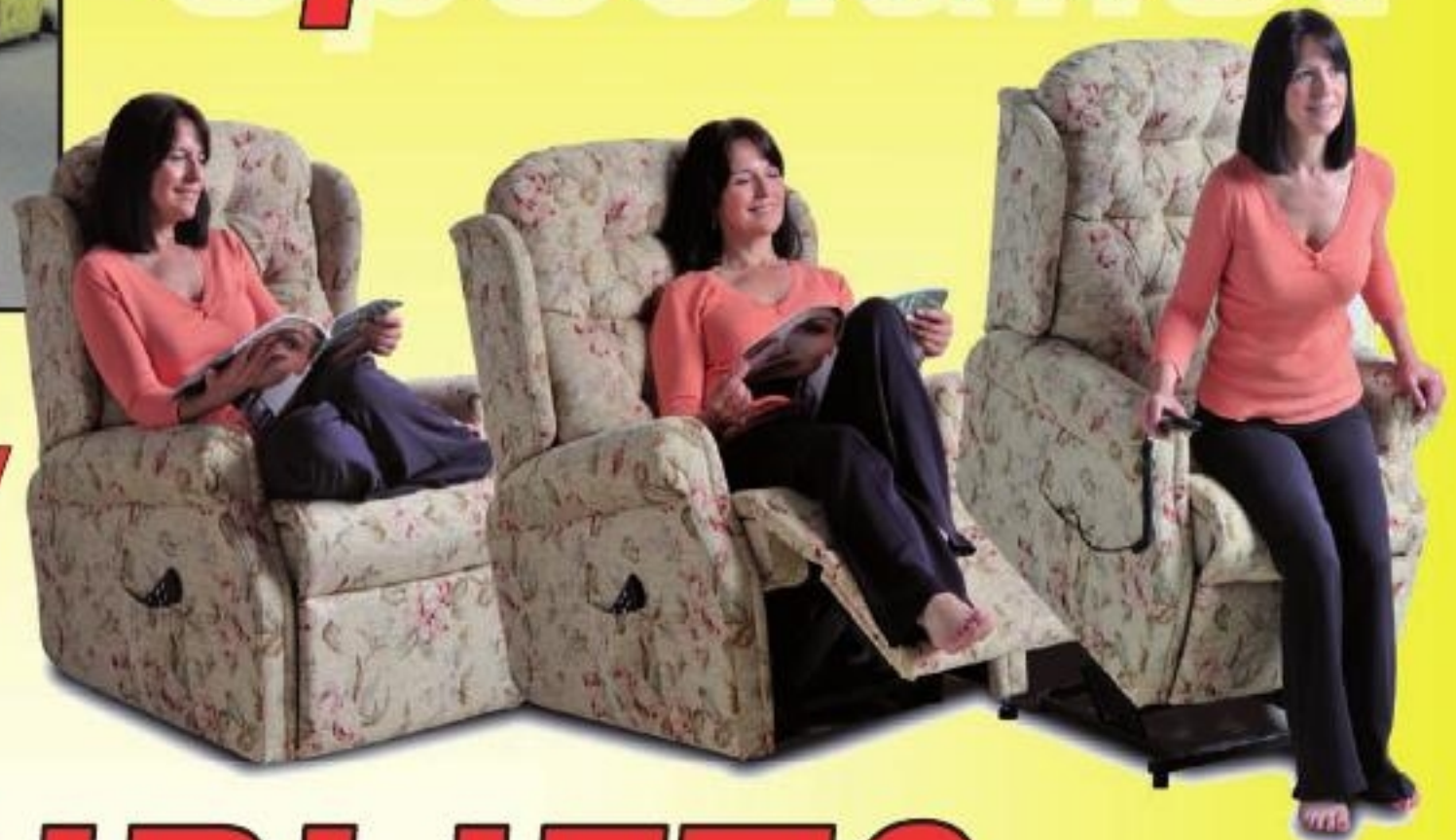
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Corrupt cop is behind bars

A FORMER Thames Valley Police officer has been jailed for stealing the details of road crash victims and selling them on.

Sugra Hanif, 26, of Bretch Hill, Banbury, was sentenced to three-and-a-half years' imprisonment at Winchester Crown Court last Wednesday.

She, along with Raza Khan, 27, of Ivy Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, was found guilty,

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by jury, of conspiracy to commit misconduct in a public office.

Khan was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Winchester Crown Court heard Hanif stole personal records from a Thames Valley Police computer and sold that information to Khan.

The crime occurred between April 1 and December 12, 2011.

Hanif was found guilty this January and was dismissed by Thames Valley Police following a misconduct hearing on March 3.

Det Ch Supt Tim De Meyer, head of Professional Standards, said: "This was a serious case of corruption and it is right that she was dismissed from the force."

"The thorough investigation of her crime shows how seriously Thames Valley Police takes these matters."

"It is vital that people have complete trust in Thames Valley Police and its officers."

"We are pleased that justice has been done."

• Sugra Hanif

Residents to join health committee

THREE co-opted members of the public will join with councillors to sit on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (OJHOSC), which analyses proposals for changes to health services in the county.

Moir Logie and Anne Wilkinson will join the committee, while Dr Keith Ruddle will serve a second year to sit alongside 12 county, district and city councillors.

Ms Logie previously worked in the NHS for 35 years, while Ms Wilkinson worked as a nurse and has spent time as a volunteer in Africa.

The committee will look at the performance of health bodies in the county.

Cllr Lawrie Stratford, chairman of OJHOSC, said: "I am delighted to welcome Moira and Anne to the committee."

"I am sure that their vast experience within health services will be of great benefit."

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However, he is urging even more people to don their running shoes this weekend.

"We are delighted that so many people have already signed up," he said.

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Autumn date is set for lifestyle centre

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STUDENTS enrolling at an Oxford college this September will be among the first to benefit from a new £6million lifestyle centre.

City of Oxford College, on Oxpens Road, is redeveloping its campus, creating a complex including a gym and hair and beauty salons.

There will also be a cafe, gallery, function room and outside space fronting the Castle Mill Stream.

Run on the college's learning company model, students will work in the centre alongside industry professionals.

Students studying hair and beauty will work in the salons while those enrolled on sport and exercise science courses will staff the gym. Hospitality and catering students will operate the centre's cafe.

The facilities will be available to the public, with the salons and gym open during the evening, weekends and holidays.

College principal Ian Francis said: "This exciting scheme will give our students access



• An artist's impression of the lifestyle centre and (inset) Ian Francis

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Drug busts: Seven people are arrested

FOUR men from Oxford have been remanded in custody after appearing in court on conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Two 37-year-olds, a 33-year-old and a 31-year-old were arrested by Thames Valley Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit on February 27.

Approximately two and a half kilos of cocaine, four kilos of cutting agents, a hydraulic press and other drug paraphernalia were seized in warrants conducted after their arrests.

After being charged, the men appeared at Banbury Magistrates Court on March 1.

They appeared for a further hearing on March 7 and have been remanded in custody until a plea and directions hearing on May 23.

In total, seven people were arrested following the investigation.

A 43-year-old man from Oxford was also arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Two women, aged 32 and 28, both from Oxford, were arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs and bailed pending further enquiries.

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Kelly Hoppen

Kelly Hoppen, interior designer and currently one of the dragons on BBC Two's *Dragons' Den*, whose new book is *Kelly Hoppen Design Masterclass: How To Achieve The Home Of Your Dreams*, says the importance of home cannot be underestimated. "The moment we cross our threshold, we should feel the cares slip from our shoulders and be able to enjoy being cocooned in comfort, safety and

By Gabrielle Fagan

warmth," she says. "Our homes are, after all, our greatest asset, not just financially but also for our sense of wellbeing and happiness."

Hoppen's tips on creating a dream home: Good planning is essential, she says. "Write a wish list for your home. Don't worry about colour palettes,

fabric choices or furniture at this stage - rather describe the atmosphere, the style of decoration you like, the things that will make you most happy, and how you want others to feel when they walk through the door."

Hoppen's 2014 trend tips: "This year there will be a bigger emphasis on modular and structured designs," she predicts. "Lighting will play an ever increasing role as its power is understood more. Good lighting

is like a layer of magic dust sprinkled over everything - it affects mood more than any other factor and is not a design ingredient you should ever skimp on."

How can your book help? "This is my way of holding someone's hand through the journey of designing a home," she says. "That starts from analysing the space they have and determining how best to use it, to resolving choices of flooring, fabrics, furniture and lighting. 'I show peo-

ple beautiful homes throughout the world whose interiors I have designed. But most importantly, the book provides the tools and insight for people to achieve their own version of a Kelly Hoppen interior, if they desire, but more than that, I hope they can design a home that is all about them."

Get the look: Characteristically, Hoppen uses symmetry, such as a pair of low coffee tables or a pair of lamps to help bring a serene feeling of order, and taupe



is her trademark shade.

• Below: Artwork and a dramatic sculptural shelf resin. The symmetry draws the eye in a white living area with its accents of taupe. Above right: Kelly Hoppen. PA Photo/Handout.



• An unusual Italian chandelier, 1930s-style dining chairs upholstered in Campbell fabricwall. PA Photo/Handout.



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•Left: Collingwood sofa, from £3,120, Nina Campbell
Below left: Nina Campbell
Below right: Tricia Guild
PA Photo/Handout.

Nina Campbell

Nina Campbell is an interior designer with a portfolio of celebrity clients, including Rod Stewart and the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson. Her new book is *Nina Campbell Interiors*. "A home should be finished to the point that it is comfortable and is somewhere that you can live and entertain, but it must always have a few spaces yet to be filled," says Campbell, summing up her view of design and interiors. "If nothing ever changes, a house can become stagnant. I think it's always good to be open to new ways to display pieces and to subtly change decor to suit the season."

Campbell's tips on creating a dream home: "First of all, I think you need to consider a property and its location and thoroughly understand what you are working with. Then you need to decide how you want to live in the house," she says. "Then be honest about how you really want to live in the house - do the dogs live on the bed, do you want to lie full length on sofas or simply tucked up in

an armchair? "Finally, create your own style. One of my biggest pleasures is sourcing furniture, bespoke pieces and art so that every home is unique. One client summed up this perfectly by saying about his interior, 'Nothing matches but everything goes together.'"

Campbell's 2014 trend tips: "I think a more classic decoration is set to enjoy a revival, with a lot more colour, pattern and detail prevalent," she says. "People will enjoy displaying treasured pieces of furniture along with modern, new pieces. 'Wallpapers are coming back into popularity in a big way and patterns are becoming bolder. Florals will continue to dominate and blowsy blooms and painterly designs will generally hold sway.'"

How can your book help? "As a designer I want to be a guide to achieving a client's desires and to be editor of their dreams," she says. "The eight projects in the book, including a chic city apartment, an English country home and a mansion in China, show how that process unfolds and works. 'Each home caters for a variety of tastes from contemporary to traditional and has needed different approaches and solutions. I hope the book will inspire people to create their own elegant, comfortable homes.'"

Get the look: Luxury, subtle elegance and detail are at the heart of Campbell's style.

Tricia Guild

Tricia Guild, founder and creative director of renowned fabric and wallpaper specialists, Designers Guild. Her new book is *Colour Deconstructed*. "What does a home mean to me? That's simple. It should be where you

feel joy and happiness - it should feel like your own space, reflective of the spirit, life and loves of the person who lives there."

Guild's tips on creating a dream home "Colour can completely transform the mood of a space," she says. "Although people often feel afraid of colour, I believe we all have a colour sense - it's just a matter of tuning into it. 'Once you start to be aware of this, you realise everyone has colours that wake them up, make them feel happy, sad or balanced. I love fresh vital colours used with masses of white to keep a sense of balance.'"

Guild's trend tips for 2014: "People are becoming ever more confident about using and enjoying colour and pattern and really appreciating how much it can enrich a home," she says. "Colour makes the heart sing, touches the soul and gives joy to the spirit, and that realisation will continue and get stronger this year."

How can your book help? "This is my 16th book on colour, flowers and design. In more than 25 decorative schemes, I show how colour and pattern, texture and function can be used to create stunning rooms, different moods and atmosphere," she says.

Get the look: Guild's signature style is a unique interpretation of colour and pattern.



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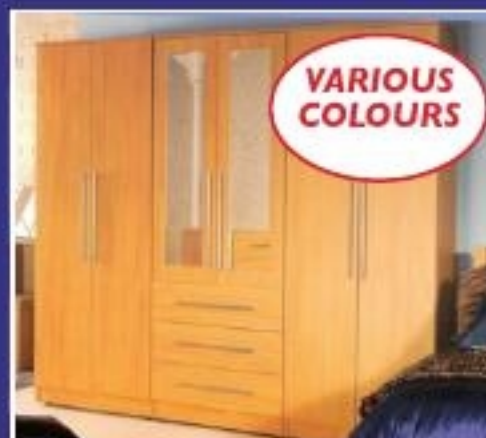
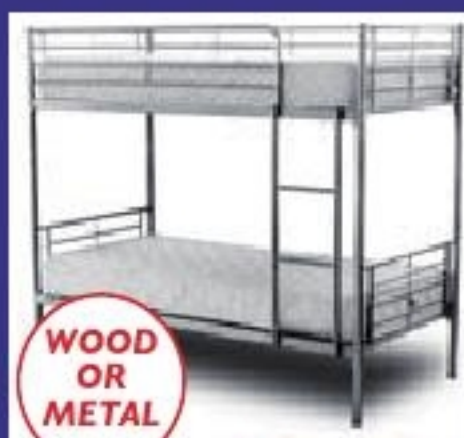
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REFUGEE Boy, based on the novel by Benjamin Zephaniah, is staged at the Oxford Playhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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More details of which can be found at www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

Metronomy

POP act Metronomy, known for being quintessentially English, bring their UK tour to Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday, in support of their new album 'Love Letters'.

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Funny people

ROB Beckett, Steve Gribbin, Marlon Davis and Tobias Persson make up the line-up at Oxford's Glee Club this weekend.

Steve, Marlon and Tobias form Saturday's show, while Rob brings his new tour to the club on Sunday.



Lesley is in town, and she's flushed!

'BIRDS of a Feather' star Lesley Joseph is coming to Oxford, as she stars in comedy musical Hot Flush at the New Theatre next Thursday.

Hot Flush follows four feisty women who meet up once a week at a local bar to give each other moral support and gossip about the men in their lives.

Made up of Myra (Lesley Joseph), Sylvia (Lori Haley Fox), Helen (Anne Smith) and Jessica (Ruth Keeling), the quartet are collectively known as 'The Hot Flush Club'.

And Matt Slack also stars in the show, as he takes on the role of all 15 men in the production.

"It's the only show I've ever done where on the first night we overran by 15 minutes because there were so many laughs!" said Lesley.

"It strikes a chord because it's about menopausal women, and a lot of women identify with that. The Vagina Monologues started a trend, and Hot Flush is merely continuing that.

"Myra is middle-aged and frustrated,

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and like a lot of women her age, she's trying to find a new life for herself.

"But she learns to be herself and that she is worth something, and the show demonstrates the strength all the women have when they're together."

Lesley is best known for playing Dorian Green in 'Birds of a Feather', which returned for its 10th series at the beginning of 2014 after a 16-year break.

"Dorian is a nasty piece of work, but people really like her because she is also vulnerable," Lesley added.

"She can never be too successful, she still has to be stuck in Chigwell, but she takes life by the balls and just goes for it - a true life force."

Asked if Lesley thought she was more like Dorian or Myra, she said: "I'm not like either. I haven't got anything in common with them, apart from my age!"

Next Thursday's show starts at 7.30pm. For booking details, call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

• Joseph stars in Hot Flush at the New Theatre next Thursday

The Only Way is Downton

ONE man comedy show The Only Way Is Downton takes place at Didcot's Cornerstone theatre on Saturday, performed by Surrey comic Luke Kempner.

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Rosie Wilby

COMEDIAN Rosie Wilby traces a personal journey through early '90s feminism, in a new show at Oxford Playhouse tomorrow evening.

Rosie's storytelling is interspersed with video interviews, music and photographs as she tries to find the collective of women who set up York University's feminist newspaper 'The Matrix'.

Ruby Turner

JAMAICAN R&B and soul singer Ruby Turner, known for having one of the greatest voices the UK has ever produced, performs at the Chipping Norton Theatre tomorrow.

Ruby has been singing professionally since 1985, and rose to prominence with hits including 'If You're Ready', 'I'd Rather Go Blind' and 'Stay With Me Baby'. It starts at 7.45pm.

'Inspiring and varied'

DIDCOT'S Cornerstone theatre is host to a free art exhibition until Sunday, featuring a wide range of printmaking techniques from local artists.

Hosted by the Oxford Printmakers, almost 80 prints are being displayed that show scenes from around the world, as well as local areas such as

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the rolling hills of the Ridgeway.

Artists will be demonstrating their skills in etching, linocut and woodcut, as well as speaking about their work.



Catriona Brodribb of the Oxford Printmakers said: "The show represents a broad range of current work made by our members."

"Visitors have described the work as inspiring, varied and colourful."

Miranda Laurence, Cornerstone's arts development officer, said: "We're so pleased to host this free exhibition by local artists, which looks beautiful in our gallery and offers such a range for our visitors."

"Not only can you view the stunning works, but you can also learn about the process and techniques involved."

"We sold our first pieces within hours of opening the exhibition, and with prices starting from £40, we hope that many of our visitors will come away with a piece of unique art to remember the exhibition by."

The Oxford Printmakers was established in 1976, many of whom were artists who had studied at the Ruskin School of Drawing.

They are based at Christadelphian Hall in east Oxford and currently have around 90 members, with the workshop staffed by three part-time technicians.

Many of the prints have been created in the group's workshop, and are available to purchase.

The Cornerstone has around 10 exhibitions each year, showcasing the

paintings, photographs and crafts of local and national artists.

For more information about the Oxford Printmakers exhibition, or others that are scheduled in future months, go to www.cornerstone-arts.org, or call the box office on 01235 515144.

• Jonathan Moss and Catriona Brodribb of the Oxford Printmakers (Picture by James Douglas)

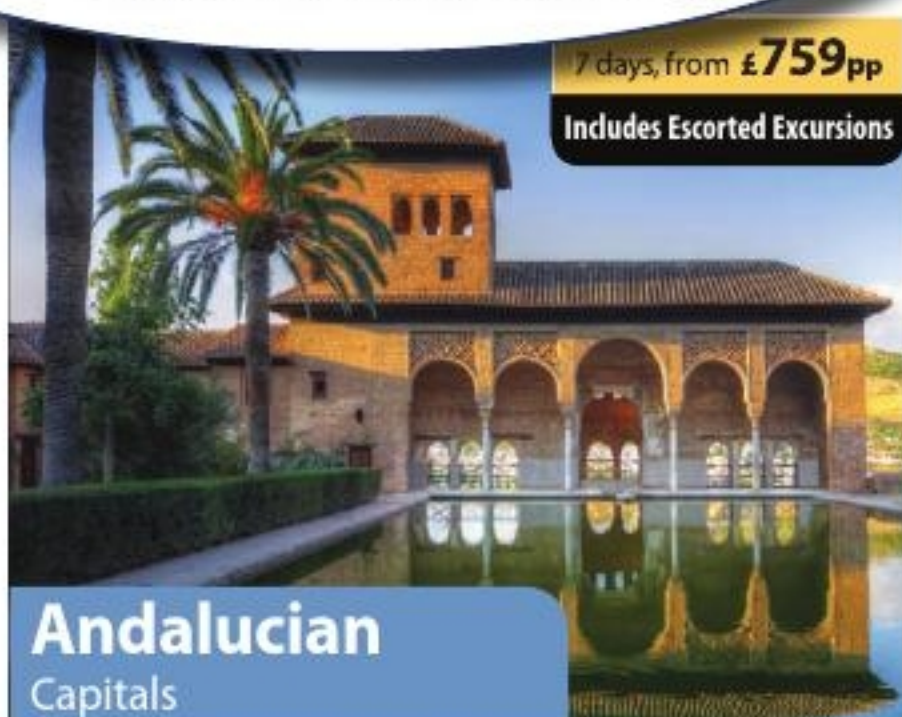
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STAND-UP comedian Sean Hughes makes two trips to Oxfordshire this week, with a show at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre tomorrow followed by heading to Henley's Kenton Theatre on Sunday.

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More details about the shows can be found at www.themillartscentre.co.uk and www.kentontheatre.co.uk.

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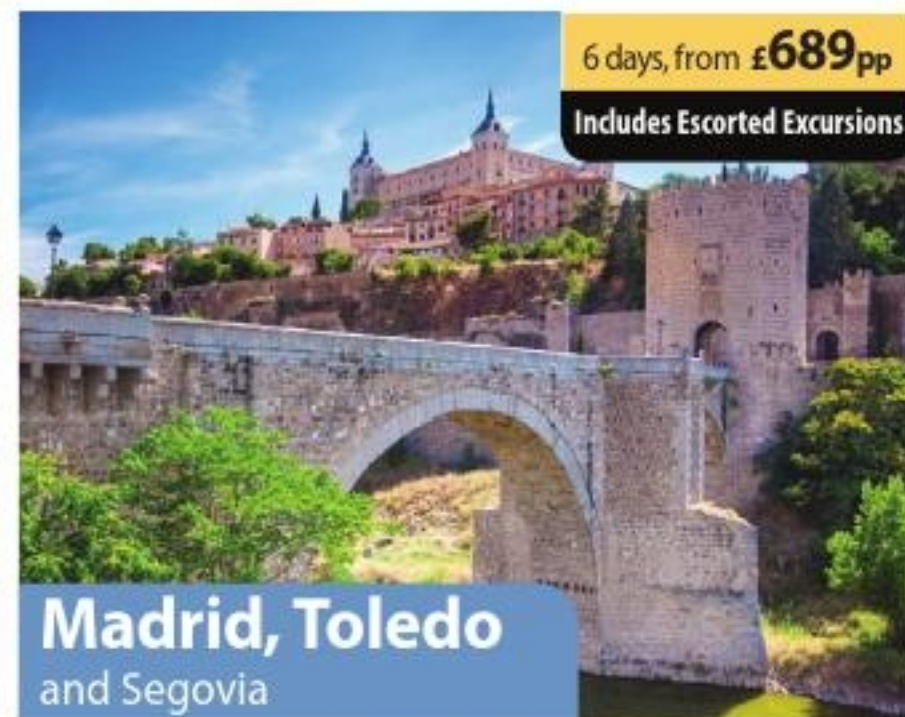
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www.oxfordplayhouse.com

21 March, 8:30pm Carswell Golf and Country Club, Faringdon, SN7 8PU

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If possible, please contact us in advance so that we have an idea of expected numbers. Contact Joyce Jones at tel: 01865 282668 or email: aruk.administrator@dpag.ox.ac.uk 01865 282668; www.dpag.ox.ac.uk/research/wade-martins-group-1/oxford-aruk-network-centre/oxford-public-day

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22 March, 8pm Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford HARRY CHRISTOPHERS AND THE SIXTEEN

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22 March Oxford Old Museum DON QUIXOTE

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22 March, 7:30pm - 9:45pm Exeter College Chapel, Turl Street, Oxford, OX1 3DP

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24 March O2 Academy 2 Oxford SAINT RAYMOND

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24 March - 25 March Burton Taylor Studio, Oxford EACH OF US

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25 March - 26 March Oxford Playhouse REFUGEE BOY

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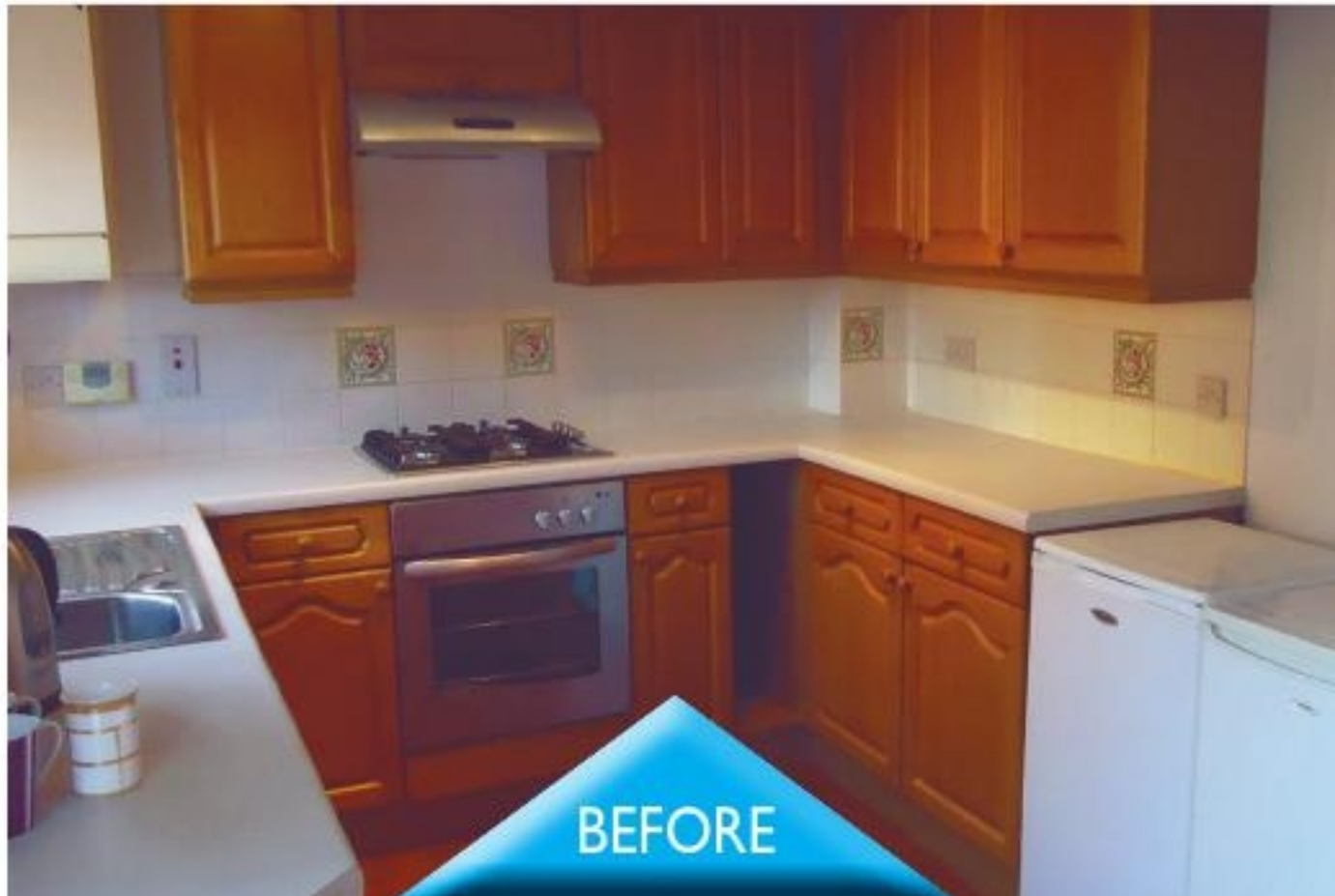
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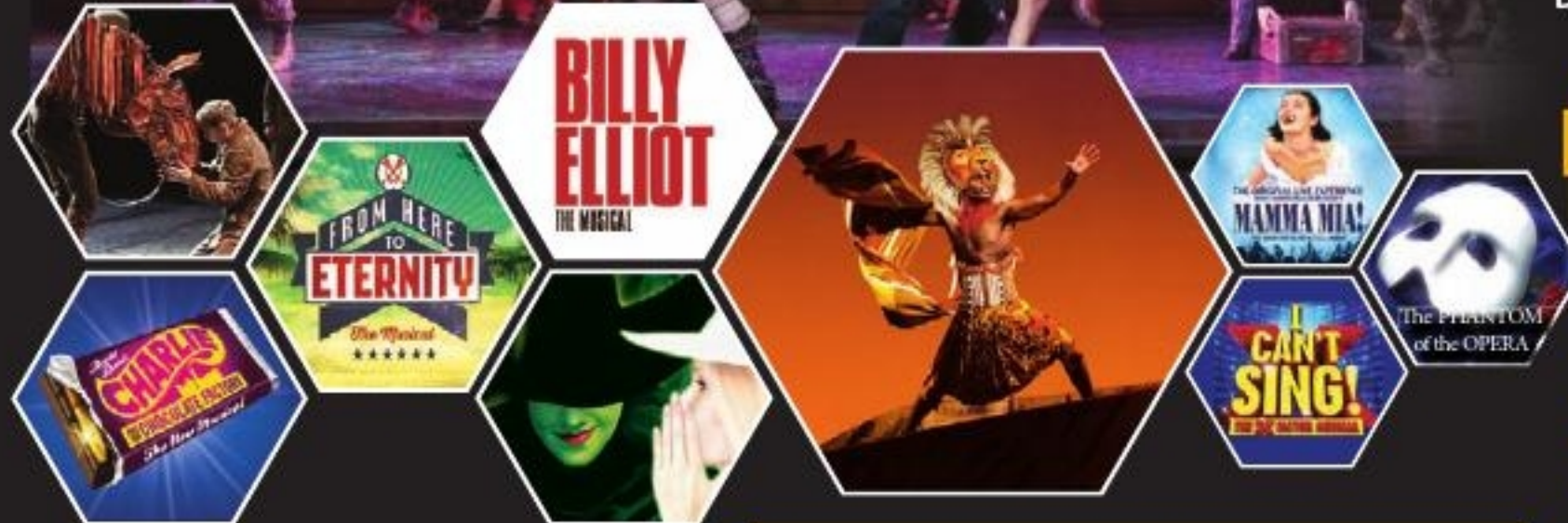


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28 March - 29 March
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29 March, 8:20pm - 11pm
The Wheatheaf High St Oxford
GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES
£4.50 on the door, cheaper at www.wegotickets.com/event/255430
20.45 Halber Mensch
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22.15 De'Mask Thyself"

29 March
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1 April, 7:45pm - 9:15pm
Old School Room, St Peter's, First Turn, Wolvercote, OX2 8AQ
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2 April, 8pm - 9pm
The North Wall, Oxford
VISITORS
In a farmhouse at the edge of Salisbury Plain, a family is falling apart. Stephen can't put his mother into care; Arthur can't stop working. When a stranger moves in to care for Edie, the family are forced to ask: are we living the way we wanted?
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Rascals (6)
8 Angles (7)
10 Swooped (7)
11 Dances (5)
12 Condise (5)
13 Act of flirting (9)
16 Truce (9)
19 Melody (5)
20 Catch hold of (5)
22 Deep ravines (7)
23 Voter (7)
24 Enjoyment of cruelty (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Afraid (6)
2 Right (4)
3 Discerning (13)
5 Confirmed (13)
6 Wheat paste (8)
7 Unexpected (6)
9 European country (5)
14 Decreased (8)
15 Loose shirts (6)
17 A rodent (5)
18 Specialist (6)
21 Opposed to (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Investigated professional plot (6)
8 Time's up for charges (7)
10 Painful experiences of gold transactions? (7)
11 A right young man for the crime
12 Bringing down the bird (5)
13 Feeling they put me in mixed tennis with team leader (9)
16 Fruit stolen from barrel? (9)
19 It's forbidden thanks to jeering sound (5)
20 Postponement of French song (5)
22 Shows how Father attacks, we hear (7)
23 See it's a short distance after the crop to the barn (3,4)
24 Men of the trees? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Rails about five who are competitors (6)
2 Chooses to stop out (4)
3 Not 'Gentlemen, be seated' (8,5)
5 Important occasions for Moscow landlady? (3-6,4)
6 Food for Bunny is seen to flourish (8)
7 Wish to end hostilities in dire circumstances (6)
9 Loves to unravel mysteries (5)
14 Figured the Editor was less feeling? (8)
15 Plain but sounds elevating (6)
17 A blow to astound (5)
18 Go to the streets for these meetings (6)
21 The circle will see to the work (4)

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Atheist 5 Emend 8 Hunt 9 Lighting 10 Obstacle
13 Felt 14 Tags 17 Silver Wedding 19 Evidence
20 Ever 21 Tryst 22 Cygnets

Down: 2 Thumbs 3 Entitle 4 Solicitor 5 Ether 6 Evinces
7 Digests 11 Extremely 12 Dissect 13 Falsify 15 Gudgeon
16 Intent 18 Exert

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Consort 5 Babel 8 Lair 9 Straight 10 Played the
game 13 Aden 14 Tips 17 Demonstration 19 Cantered 20 Ails
21 Shape 22 Extends

Down: 2 Orade 3 Strayed 4 Residents 5 Brake 6 Beggars
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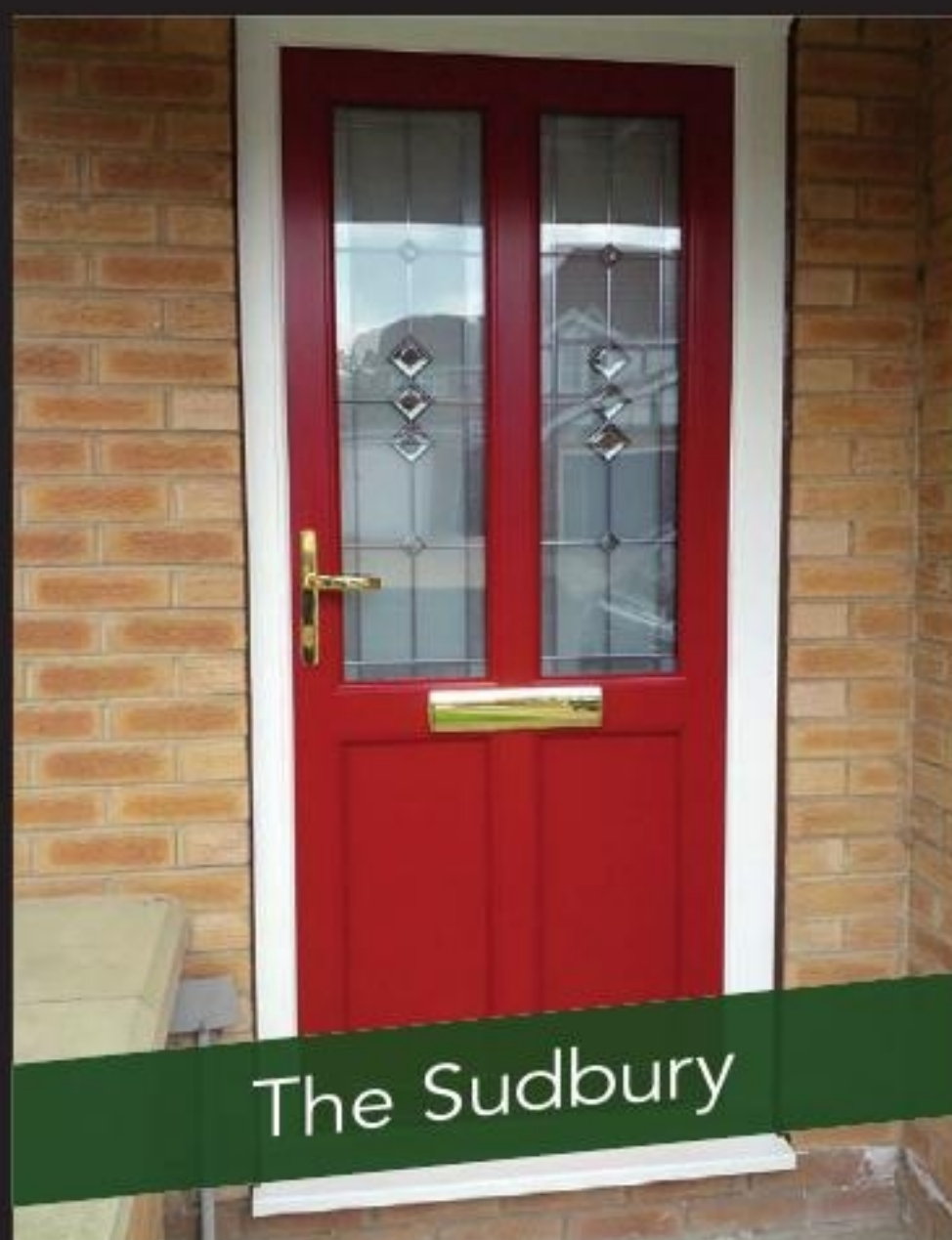
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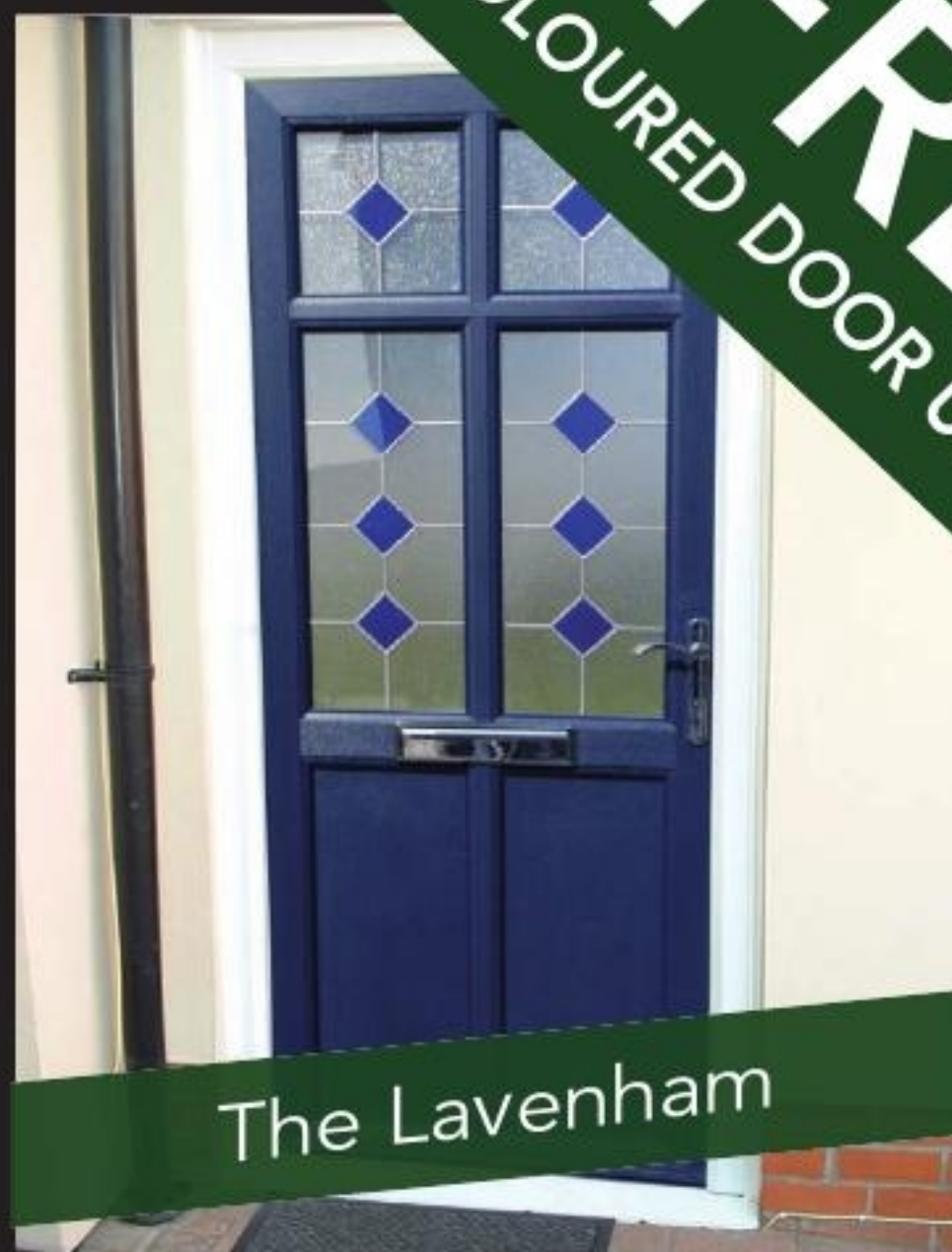
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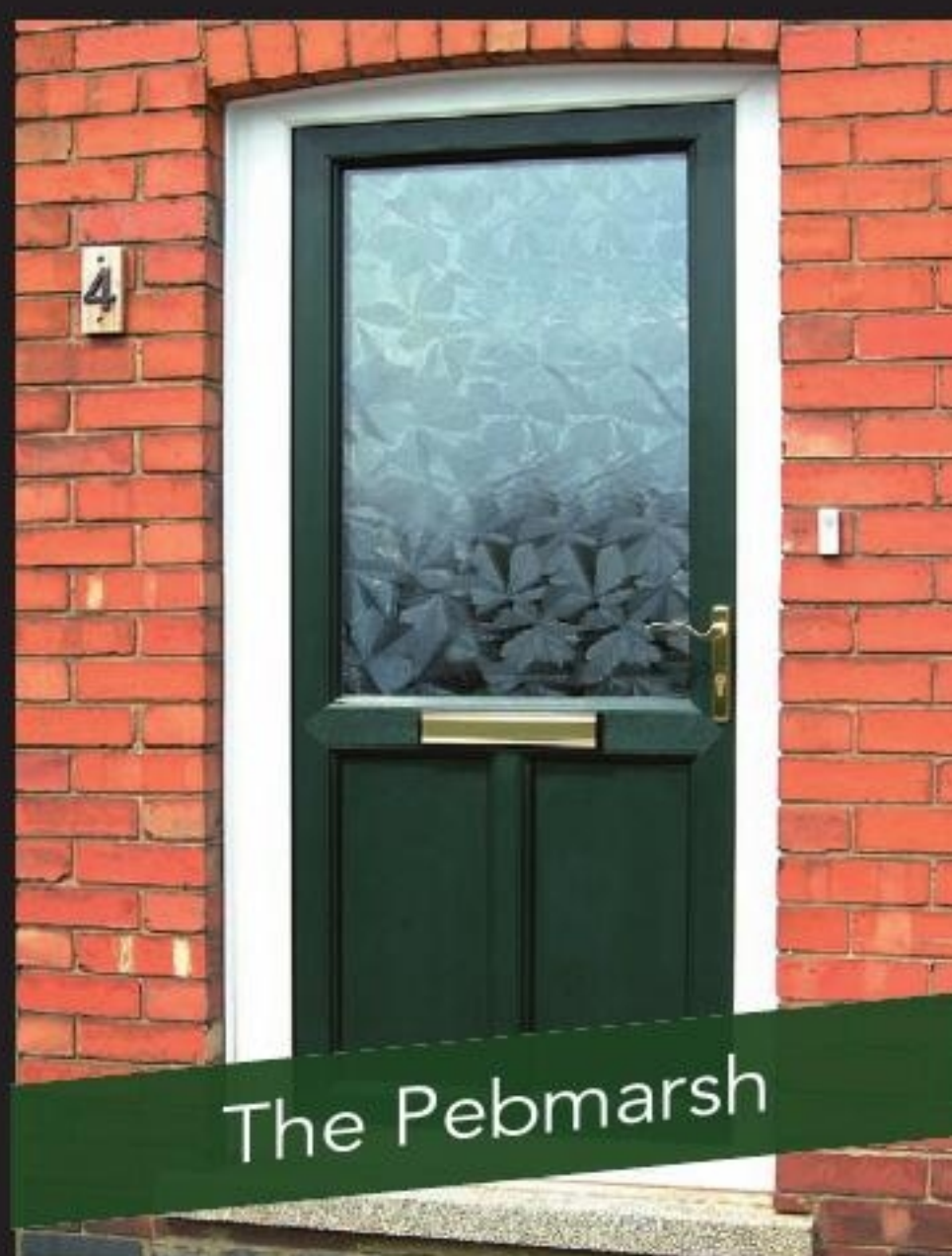
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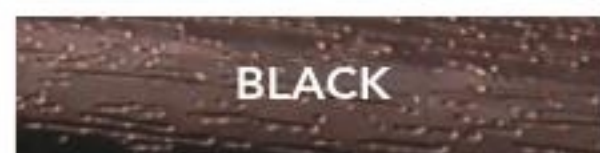
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It will be available in three trim levels - Touch, Feel & Flair - with airscape versions available in Feel & Flair trim. It's powered by two efficient petrol engines - VTi 68 and VTi 82 - and will go on sale to the UK public in July.

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REVIEW: Citroën C1

By Andy Allans

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New Citroën C1 Feel adds air conditioning, DAB digital radio, 7" Touch Drive interface with Mirror Screen technology and steering mounted controls, along with body coloured door mirrors and door handles.

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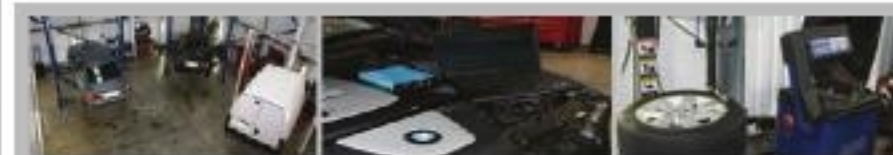
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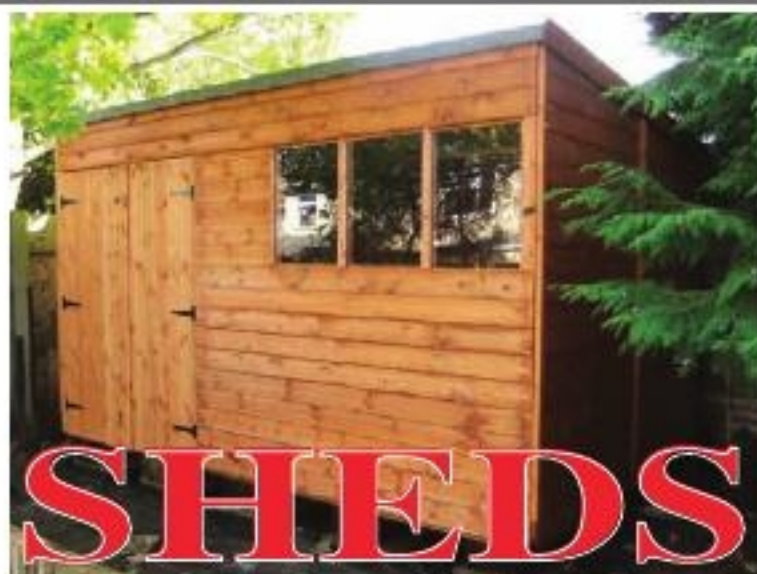
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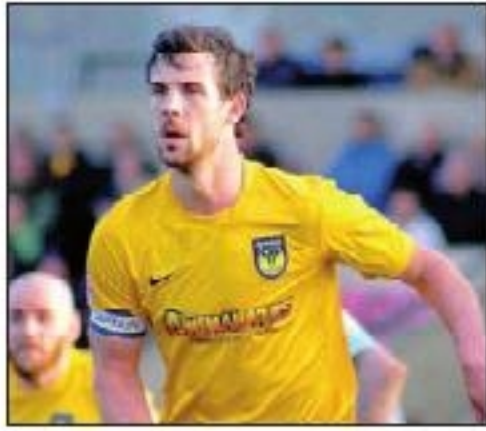
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Wright - 'We have worked too hard to throw it away'



• Jake Wright is urging Oxford United not to blow a chance of vying for promotion from Sky Bet League 2 (Picture by Steve Daniels)

JAKE Wright says Oxford United have worked too hard to squander a chance of winning promotion.

United were beaten 3-0 by then league leaders Chesterfield last Saturday, a defeat that extended their winless run to six games.

The result leaves them sixth in Sky Bet League 2, eight points adrift of automatic promotion and only four points inside the play-offs.

However, the scoreline at the Proact Stadium was the least of United's concerns.

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Tom Newey and Michael Raynes were both sent off, while United finished the game with only eight players as Johnny Mullins was stretchered off.

All three will miss tomorrow's home game against Hartlepool United, while Dave Kitson (hamstring) is still a doubt.

Despite the recent form, Wright is determined to make sure United do not lose out on a chance of promotion.

"We've worked too hard and too well this season to get where we are and chuck it all away," said the 28-year-old.

"The last six or eight games haven't been good enough and we know that."

"But we can't put our finger on what it is. We are working and training as hard as ever, we all want the same thing."

Caretaker manager Mickey Lewis does have options when it comes to picking a side for tomorrow night.

Matt Bevans and Sam Long have impressed

while Scott Davies can also play at full-back.

Andy Whing and Jon Meades are also back in full training.

However, Wright added that, despite who is playing, confidence is low.

"Confidence is low as individuals and as a team and it is something we need to put right quickly," he added.

"We're disappointed for the fans. We let them, Mickey, ourselves and each other down, but we need to turn it around and try and put it right on Friday."

Revving up for opener

BRADLEY Smith begins his MotoGP campaign in Qatar this weekend following a positive winter of testing.

The Oxford-born rider had a tough debut race at the Losail circuit last year as he crashed out from 11th place on lap five.

However, the 23-year-old will be hoping for a strong points finish this Sunday after featuring in the top-10 for much of testing.

He is joined at Monster Yamaha

Tech3 by Spanish rookie Pol Espargaro, who won the Moto2 championship last year.

Espargaro expects to make his debut on Sunday despite breaking his collarbone in testing a few weeks ago.

Smith, on the other hand, is injury free and raring to go.

"These first three races are going to be vital," he said.

"I'm feeling far more confident and at ease on the bike than I

was on my debut last year."

Team manager Herve Poncharal added: "Last year was a very good rookie season for Bradley, who has been working hard to digest everything he learnt during 2013."

"I believe he will surprise people."

• Bradley Smith
(Picture courtesy of Tech3)



Sport Bites

Held back

JASON Plato was unable to get any competitive dry weather running at Tuesday's British Touring Car Championship test, and could only set the 22nd-fastest time of the day.

Plato's best effort of 1:19.887 was almost nine seconds slower than pace-setter Andrew Jordan, as he completed 14 laps in the wet conditions.

His team-mate Sam Tordoff was able to set a competitive dry lap to come fifth, and show that their MG6 car has some pace ahead of the first round of the season at Brands Hatch on March 30.

Hawks win

HENLEY Hawks won a second consecutive match last Saturday, with a 23-13 win against Blaydon in the SSE National League 1.

But there was disappointment for Chinnor in the National League 2 South, after a narrow 34-31 loss against Ampthill and District.

Oxford Harlequins defeated Witney 32-23 in their South West 1 East match, while Grove suffered a 37-19 loss to Windsor in the same division.

Shining Stars

OXFORD City Stars thrashed Cardiff 10-1 in their National Ice Hockey League 2 South match last Sunday, to put them just one point behind league leaders Slough Jets.

Hat-tricks from Alan Green and Darren Elliott, along with goals from Josh Florey, Josh Oliver, Andy Cox and Sam Arnold gave Stars an easy win against a short-bench Cardiff side.

Just three games remain in the season, starting with a home match against Bristol Pitbulls on Saturday before what could be a title-deciding game against Slough on April 6.

Symons is the hero as City earn valuable win

MIKE Symons struck a late winner on Tuesday night to hand Oxford City a much needed lifeline in their bid to avoid relegation from the Skrill North.

City beat fellow strugglers Histon 2-1 at Marsh Lane with Symons sealing the win with nine minutes remaining.

The win leaves them second from bottom in the table, six points from safety.

However, a first win since Boxing Day will lift the spirits at City ahead of this Saturday's trip to second-placed AFC Telford United.

Mike Ford's men did not get off to the best of starts on Tuesday as Nathan Hicks put Histon in front after just three minutes.

It did not take long for City to respond, however, as Steve Basham fired into the bottom corner on 18 minutes.



Ford's side turned up the pressure in the second half and eventually got their reward as Symons slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

• Mike Symons (Picture by Mike Allen)

'Results are the priority'

WANTAGE Town manager Gary Ackling says results, rather than performances, are the priority as the climax to the Hellenic Premier Division draws nearer.

A 4-3 win at Brimscombe & Thrupp on Tuesday saw Wantage close the gap on leaders Ardley United to two points. The Alfredians have two games in hand over Ardley and despite a recent dip in performance, Ackling is focused on picking up points.

"We have 10 games remaining and, the way I look at it is, performances aren't really important now, it's the results," he said.

"We're in a good position, but we're under no illusions."

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U's manager sees Bracknell clash as pivotal in avoiding drop A MASSIVE GAME FOR US - ZOLDAN

ANDY Zoldan has described Abingdon United's trip to Bracknell Town this Saturday as a "massive" game in their bid to avoid relegation from the Hellenic Premier Division.

United, who are second from bottom, drew 0-0 with Oxford City Nomads last Saturday, moving to within three points of third from bottom Holyport.

Relegation rivals Holyport, Newbury and Shrivenham all have games in hand over United but have been unable to take advantage of the situation so far.

Holyport were beaten 3-2 by Nomads two days ago and Zoldan wants United to go into next Tuesday's game against their relegation rivals with a win under their belts.

"We need three points desperately now," said Zoldan.

"Holyport, fortunately, lost again but we need to get a few more points.

"It would be nice to win on Saturday going into Tuesday against Holyport in a position where we could go above them on points.

"It's a massive game for us on Saturday."

Zoldan continued: "We've still got some tough games to play but the fixtures are now catching up with a lot of teams and that's my

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only concern.

"Holyport have got quite a few games in hand.

"If teams have got nothing to play for and are playing two or three games a week they might not have the squads to cope and Holyport may pick up the odd point."

United will be without top scorer Graham Edney (unavailable) and Wade Rutherford (suspended) for Saturday's game while captain Scott Davis picked up a groin injury against Nomads.

Zoldan, however, is confident his skipper will play this weekend.

"He's the sort of player who, with a little bit of an injury, will play through it.

"If you want a player to run through a brick wall for you in a relegation battle he's exactly the sort of player you want.

"I'm not concerned that he won't be available for Saturday, I know what he's like."

Murray Nichols and Kevin Rookes are set to return while Zoldan is hoping North Leigh's James Organ is available after a dual registration deal was agreed.



• Cameron McNeill clears the ball, while under pressure from Louis Joyce, during Abingdon United's 0-0 draw with Oxford City Nomads (Picture by Chris Janes)

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